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Amendments to the Claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic or dermatological formulation, comprising
- a) iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof; and
- b) a at least one polyol,

wherein said formulation is in a form adapted for administration to the skin.

- 2. (Original) A cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof is present in an amount of 0.001 to 15 wt.%, based on the total weight of the formulation.
- 3. (Original) A cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof is present in an amount of 0.01 to 10 wt.%, based on the total weight of the formulation.
- 4. (Original) A cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof is present in an amount of 0.05 to 5 wt.%, based on the total weight of the formulation.
- 5. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the <u>at least one</u> polyol is present in a concentration of 3 to 65% by weight, based on the total weight of the formulation.

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6. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the <u>at least one polyol</u> is present in a concentration of <u>2-5</u> to 25% by weight, based on the total weight of the formulation.

- 7. (Original) A cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof includes iminodisuccinic acid.
- 8. (Original) A cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof includes the tetrasodium salt of iminodisuccinic acid.
- 9. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the <u>at least one</u> polyol includes one or more polyols selected from the group consisting of glycerol, sorbitol and butylene glycol.
- 10. (Currently Amended) A cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1, wherein the <u>at least one</u> polyol includes glycerol, sorbitol and butylene glycol.
- 11. (Currently Amended) A skin care product including the cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1, wherein said product is in a form selected from the group consisting of skin creams, skin lotions, milks, ointments, oils, balsams and sera.

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12. (Original) A face care product including the cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1.

- 13. (Currently Amended) A sunscreen product including the cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1, said product further comprising at least one UV light protection filter.
- 14. (Currently Amended) A method of moisturizing the skin, comprising applying to the skin a cosmetic or dermatological formulation comprising iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof; and a at least one polyol, wherein said formulation is in a form adapted for administration to the skin.
- 15. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof is present in the cosmetic or dermatological formulation in an amount of 0.001 to 15 wt.%, based on the total weight of the formulation.
- 16. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof is present in the cosmetic or dermatological formulation in an amount of 0.01 to 10 wt.%, based on the total weight of the formulation.

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(Original) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the iminodisuccinic acid or 17.

a salt thereof is present in the cosmetic or dermatological formulation in an amount of 0.05 to 5

wt.%, based on the total weight of the formulation.

18. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the at least one

polyol is present in the cosmetic or dermatological formulation in a concentration of 3 to 65% by

weight, based on the total weight of the formulation.

19. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the at least one

polyol is present in the cosmetic or dermatological formulation in a concentration of 2-5 to 25%

by weight, based on the total weight of the formulation.

20. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the iminodisuccinic acid or

a salt thereof in the cosmetic or dermatological formulation includes iminodisuccinic acid.

21. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the iminodisuccinic acid or

a salt thereof in the cosmetic or dermatological formulation includes the tetrasodium salt of

iminodisuccinic acid.

22. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the at least one

polyol in the cosmetic or dermatological formulation includes one or more polyols selected from

the group consisting of glycerol, sorbitol and butylene glycol.

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- 23. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the <u>at least one</u> polyol in the cosmetic or dermatological formulation includes glycerol, sorbitol and butylene glycol.
- 24. (Currently Amended) A method of increasing the skin-moisturizing action of a polyol in a cosmetic or dermatological formulation, comprising adding to the cosmetic or dermatological formulation iminodisuccinic acid or a salt thereof, wherein said formulation is in a form adapted for administration to the skin.
- 25. (New) The cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1, further comprising ethanol.
- 26. (New) The cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 1, further comprising at least one anti-inflammatory compound.
- 27. (New) The cosmetic or dermatological formulation as claimed in claim 26, wherein said at least one anti-inflammatory compound includes at least one compound selected from the group consisting of allantion, α -bisabolol, panthenol and aloe vera extract.
- 28. (New) The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein said at least one polyol is present in a concentration of 3 to 65% by weight, based on the total weight of the formulation.